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SUBJ: ECEVIT'S VISIT TO THE FRG

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- 1. WE READ WITH MUCH INTEREST REFTEL'S ACCOUNT OF ECEVIT'S MEETING WITH GENSCHER. IN PART TO ALLAY SOVIET CONCERNS IN THE WAKE OF LAST SUMMER'S LANDINGS IN CYPRUS, ECEVIT MADE CLEAR THEN THAT HIS GOVERNMENT DID NOT SEEK TO PARTITION CYPRUS OR TO ALTER ITS NON-ALIGNED STATUS. (THIS POSITION HAS SINCE BEEN MAINTAINED BY THE IRMAK CARETAKER GOVERNMENT.) ECEVIT'S STATEMENT THAT "HE WAS AGAINST THE PLACEMENT OF NATO BASES" ON CYPRUS IS ALSO A REPEAT OF A PREVIOUSLY STATED POSITION AND AGAIN IS OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO ALLAY SOVIET CONCERNS.
- 2. HOWEVER, ECEVIT HAS NEVER STRESSED TO US HIS RESERVE ABOUT "A TOO DIRECT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT" AS TENDING TO BRING THE SOVIETS INTO THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. ON THE CONTRARY, DURING HIS TENURE AS PRIME MINISTER HE BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY CONFIDENTIAL

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WELCOMED THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE U.S. IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION.

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